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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ECON MINISTER CALL ON MOFA AND JCAB

REF: STATE 114450

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, ECON MIN CALLED ON MOFA AMAFF DIV KITAMURA AND JCAB'S YAMAJI TO STRESS TO GOJ AGAIN THAT US WILL NOT MOVE TO REVISION TALKS UNTIL THE IMMEDIATE ISSUES; I.E., DAILY AIR MICRONESIA/SAIPAN SERVICE, FREIGHTER CAPACITY INCREASES AND SLOTS FOR SUPPLEMENTALS PLANNED BUSINESS PROGRAMS AT HANEDA FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR, ARE SOLVED.

2. DURING BOTH MEETINGS, WE WERE TOLD THAT JAPANESE SIDE IS STILL STUDYING OUR MAY 13 PROPOSAL "HONESTLY AND SERIOUSLY" BUT THAT THEY COULD "NOT SAY" WHEN AN ANSWER WILL BE FORTHCOMING. YAMAJI STATED MINISTER FUKADA HAD RELAYED DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST THAT PROPOSAL BE ANSWERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT THAT CERTAIN QUESTIONS HAD TO BE REVIEWED AT HIGHER LEVELS. WE DID NOT RECEIVE IMPRESSION THAT GOJ IS DELIBERATELY STALLING.

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3. DURING CONVERSATIONS, MINISTER REFERRED TO MAY 13 PROPOSAL AND THE UNILATERAL OFFER OF CAPACITY RESTRAINT IT CONTAINED, STATING THAT WE HOPE THE JAPANESE WOULD FIND THIS OFFER A USEFUL TOOL TOWARD ACCEPTING OUR MAY 13 PROPOSAL AND PARTICULARLY IN EXPLAINING TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC, IF NECESSARY, GOJ ACCEPTANCE OF ALREADY PROPOSED CAPACITY INCREASES; I.E., SAIPAN SERVICE AND FREIGHTER SUBSTITUTIONS. MOFA'S WATANABE STATED JAPANESE CONCEPT

OF CAPACITY CONTROL IS "CONTRACTUAL" RATHER THAN A SELF-PLEDGE
WHILE YAMIJI, DURING SEPARATE MEETING, INDICATED IT WAS IMPORTANT
TO UNDERSTAND U.S. MOTIVATION IN MAKING OFFER: I.E., THAT IT
WAS A POSITIVE GESTURE AND NOT MERELY AN ATTEMPT TO SAFEGUARD
1959 AGREED MINUTES. IN REPLY MINISTER CHARACTERIZED OFFER AS
POSITIVE INDICATION OF US FLEXIBILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE
CAPACITY ISSUE DURING REVISION TALKS.
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